

## Wyoming WPLI WSA County Overview

### Carbon County

1. **Prospect Mountain Wilderness Study Area** - designate as 1,110 acres as wilderness and release 35 acres. Allow maintenance of Prospect Road; allow restricted livestock grazing.
2. **Black Cat Special Management Area** – designate 1,189 acres as Special Management Area with the Forest Service. No new roads; no motorized vehicle except in emergencies; no commercial timber harvest; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.
3. **Encampment River Canyon Wilderness Study Area** – designate as 4,543.12 acres as wilderness and release 3.88 acres. Allow maintenance of County Road 353 and Water Valley roads; allow restricted grazing; establish fire suppression plan.
4. **Bennett Mountains Wilderness Study Area** – release 6,003 acres to multiple use and manage as “Bennet Mountains Management Area” (with restrictions). Allow motorized use on roads and trails; no new roads; temporary roads only in emergencies; allow grazing; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.

### Fremont and Natrona Counties

1. **Copper Mountain Wilderness Study Area** – release 6,940 acres to multiple use, with restrictions. Manage as multiple use; ensure no net loss of federal land re: land exchanges; prohibit leasing for solar, wind, overhead transmission lines or communication towers.
2. **Whiskey Mountain Wilderness Study Area** – release 521 acres as multiple use. Manage according to agreement between Wyoming Game and Fish, USDA, DOI regarding management of bighorn sheep.

3. **Lankin Dome, Split Rock, Savage Peak, and Miller Springs Wilderness Study Areas** – release 34,237 acres as multiple use and manage as “Sweetwater Rocks Special Management Area” (with restrictions). Allow grazing; allow existing motorized access; prohibit development of overhead transmission or communication towers; allow expansion of existing underground rights-of-way; withdraw from mineral, geothermal, solar and wind leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.
4. **Sweetwater Canyon Wilderness Study Area** – designate as 2 wilderness areas: “Upper” 2,857 acres and “Lower” 5,655 acres Sweetwater Canyon Wilderness(es) and release 642 acres.
5. **Dubois Badlands Wilderness Study Area** – 4,321 acres recommended as National Conservation Area and release 250 acres to multiple use.

**Johnson and Campbell Counties (Johnson and Fortification Creek committees)**

1. **Gardner Mountain Wilderness Study Area** – release 6,423 acres to multiple use. Rename “Fraker Mountain Management Area”. Allow grazing; manage motorized use to promote public access; support wildlife conservation; no new roads except temporary roads for various purposes; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.
2. **North Fork Wilderness Study Area** – release 10,089 acres to multiple use. Rename “North Fork Management Area”. Allow grazing; manage motorized use to promote public access; support wildlife conservation; no new roads except temporary roads for various purposes; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.
3. **Fortification Creek Wilderness Study Area** – release 12,489 acres to multiple use. Rename “Fortification Creek Management Area”. Allow grazing; manage motorized use to promote public access; support wildlife conservation; no new roads except temporary roads for various purposes; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.

### Washakie and Hot Springs Counties.

1. **Cedar Mountain Wilderness Study Area** – designate 20,519 to Cedar Mountain Special Management Area and manage as multiple use. Directs creation of a travel management plan; allow grazing; permit motorized use for specific purposes; withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing; allow directional drilling only from outside the Area.
2. **Bobcat Draw Wilderness Study Area** – designate 6,216 acres as wilderness, release 7,692 acres to multiple use, restricted as a Visual Resource Management Class II. Allow grazing (restricted in wilderness); permit motorized use for specific purposes (multiple-use only); withdraw from mineral and geothermal leasing (all); allow directional drilling only from outside the Area (multiple-use only).
3. **Honeycombs Wilderness Study Area** – release 20,337 to multiple use.

County/WSA	Acres	Acres of Proposed Designation/Release				If "Other Designation," briefly describe
		Wilderness	Other Designation	Release	Unchanged	
Campbell/Johnson – Fortification Creek	12,417			12,489 <sup>1</sup>		Fortification Creek Management Area
Johnson – Gardner Mountain	6,280			6,423 <sup>2</sup>		Name Changed to Fraker Mountain Management Area
Johnson – North Fork	10,019			10,089 <sup>3</sup>		North Fork Management Area
Carbon – Encampment	4,547	4,543.12		3.88		
Carbon – Prospect	1,145	1,110		35		
Carbon – Bennet	6,003		6,003			<p>Special Management Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Permit motorized and mechanized vehicles only on roads and trails designated for motorized and mechanized vehicles, except as needed for administrative purposes and to respond to an emergency, or to develop/maintain grazing infrastructure</li> <li>◦ Prohibit construction of permanent or temporary roads except in response to an emergency (fires). Temporary roads must be reclaimed to Wyoming BLM policy</li> <li>◦ Continue existing grazing in accordance with applicable law following the Federal Land Policy</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Source: BLM

<sup>2</sup> Source: BLM

<sup>3</sup> Source: BLM

						<p>Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Public Rangelands Act of 1978, Taylor Grazing Act of 1934</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Prohibit commercial timber harvest</li> <li>◦ Prohibit oil and gas, geothermal, coal, and other mineral leasing and new locatable mineral entry under the 1872 Mining Law as amended. Honor all existing valid mining claims.</li> <li>◦ Maintain existing fire management</li> </ul>
Carbon – Black Cat	1,189		1,189			<p>Special Management Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Permit motorized vehicles only for administrative purposes and to respond to an emergency, or to develop/maintain grazing infrastructure</li> <li>◦ Prohibit construction of permanent or temporary roads except to respond an emergency (fires). Temporary roads must be reclaimed to Wyoming BLM policy</li> <li>◦ Continue existing grazing in accordance with applicable law following the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the Public Rangelands Act of 1978, Taylor Grazing Act of 1934</li> <li>◦ Prohibit commercial timber harvest</li> <li>◦ Prohibit oil and gas, geothermal, coal, and other mineral leasing and new locatable mineral entry under the 1872 Mining Law as amended. Honor all existing valid mining claims.</li> <li>◦ Maintain fire existing management</li> </ul> <p>Prohibit mountain bikes</p>
Fremont – Sweetwater Canyon	9,154	8,512 (2857 in Upper Canyon and 5655		642		

		in Lower Canyon				
Fremont – Lankin Dome	6,353			6,353		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Fremont – Split Rock	14,006			14,006		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Fremont – Savage Peak	7,168			7,168		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Fremont – Miller Springs	6,710			6,710		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Fremont – Dubois Badlands	4,583		4,321	250		4321 acres are recommended as a National Conservation Area, the remaining 250 are to be released.
Fremont – Copper Mountain	6,940			6,940		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Fremont – Whiskey Mountain	521			521		Released with management recommendations; see bill.
Washakie – Bobcat	17,003 <sup>4</sup>	6,216		7,692		
Washakie – Cedar Mountain	20,611 <sup>5</sup>		20,519	92		Cedar Mountain Special Management Area
Washakie – Honeycombs	20,337 <sup>6</sup>			20,337		

<sup>4</sup> 3095 acres of Bobcat Draw are in Big Horn County and are not addressed by our proposal.

<sup>5</sup> Cedar Mountain acreage measures at 20611 from the BLM database. Regardless of what the total acreage is, the part that is proposed for release measures 92 acres with the remainder being released.

<sup>6</sup> Honeycombs acreage measure at 20337 from the BLM database and it is all proposed to be released.